ABSO-
LUTE-
LY
NOT!!
IS THAT
TO SAY YOU
CANNOT
PROTECT
HER?
AGAIN?
THIS TIME
I WILL
PROTECT
HER!
...FOR
SUCH
THOUGHTS
ONCE IS
ENOUGH.

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# CHAPTER 13
# PLEASE STAY SAFE!!

THEY SAID THEY MEANT IT.
EH..? REALLY?
SFX WHOOSH
SFX WHOOSH
SFX ROAR
WHAT AN AWESOME WIND!
IT STARTLED ME~
MORE THAN A WIND...
WHOA
A!?

IT SOUNDED LIKE SOMETHING PASSING US BY...
WHERE IS SHE!?
I DEFINITELY FEEL SIGNS OF HER.
KANADE HAS GOT TO BE OVER THERE...
HAH
SFX: SWISH
NARUKAMI CASTLE RUINS PARK

NARU-
KAMI
CASTLE
...?
SPA! WHOOSH
KANA-
DE!
KANA-
DE!
WHERE
ARE
YOU!?

KANA-DE...
...NGH...
HERE, LOOK!
AREN'T THEY PRETTY BELLS?
...ARE THE BELLS A SET?
YEP.
WHAT HAP-PENED?
TO THOSE
I WAS GIVEN THEM.
I'M GOLD, SO THEY'RE SILVER.
GIGGLE
SMILE

.....
THEY WILL BE MY TREA-SURE.
GIN
DON'T COMPLAIN, JUST HURRY UP AND DO IT!!
AS YOU WISH...
WHO, ME!?
HEY, JINRAI, COULD YOU PUT THESE IN MY HAIR?
I KNOW!
SFX: JINGLE
...IS THIS OKAY?
GOOD JOB.

BECAUSE JINRAI WHO PROTECTS ME PUT THEM ON ME.
EH?
THIS WAY MY TREASURE WILL BE PROTECT-ED!
SO, AS MY TREASURE,
THE BELLS ARE PROTECTED!
DO THEY LOOK GOOD ON ME?
JINGLE
Huh!?
VERY MUCH ...
YES...

SFX WHIRL
DID I HEAR WRONG ...?
SIGNS OF HER ARE CLOSE!
WHERE ARE YOU!?
TRUST IN ME! PLEASE STAY SAFE!!
...WHAT DO I DO...?
SFX STARTLED
I'VE COMPLETELY LOST MY WAY HOME...
IT'S... NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
THERE AREN'T ANY MONSTERS IN THE CASTLE PARK.
SFX SCARED STIFF
SFX FLAPPING
GA AA AH ..!

SFX: RUNNING
TRIP!
FALL
Waah!
SFX: CRASHING THROUGH THE LEAVES
Kyaa!
SFX: WHIRL
KANA-DE!
!?

!!
JIN-
RAI...
AM I
GOING
...
Shhh

ROAR!!
WHIRL-
WIND!!
TO
LOSE
KANADE
!?

KANA-
DE!
FWUMP!
RUSTLE
OW
OW
UH...
WERE
YOU...
SAFE?

JUST NOW, JINRAI...
WHAT'S A CHILD DOING COMING HERE ALONE!?
SFX: SHOCK
WEREN'T YOU TOLD NOT TO GO OUTSIDE ALONE!?
AND IN SPITE OF THAT...
SWISH
SAKURA ...?

I FOUND... SOME SAKURA,
BUT THEN I GOT LOST...
JINRAI...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU NEVER SMILE.
I THOUGHT IF YOU SAW SOME YOU'D BE PLEASED.
BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU LIKED SAKURA
SFX: TEARDROPS
I ONLY WISHED...
THAT YOU WOULD SMILE.

WHY, FOR MY SAKE...?
SAKURA... YOU CAME HERE TO PICK IT?
SO...
AREN'T YOU ALWAYS LOOKING LONELY?
BECAUSE... OUR SAKURA DOESN'T BLOOM...
REACH OUT...
BUT... PLEASE
AND I AM HAPPY TO SEE THE SAKURA TOO.
I AM TRULY GLAD
THAT YOU ARE SAFE...

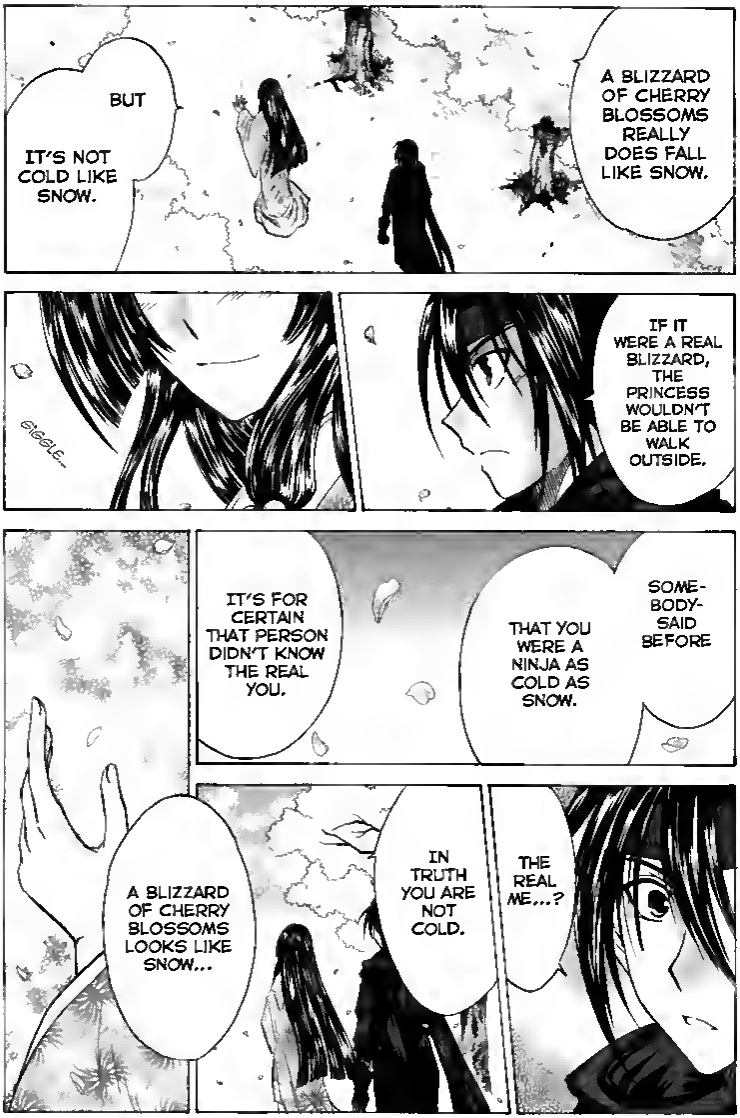
JIN-RAI...
PLEASE DO NOT CONDUCT YOURSELF IN THAT WAY AGAIN.
LET US GO HOME.
YOU SHOULD STICK WITH ME.
SFX: GLOOM
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS... WHEN THEY FELL, THEY FELL ONE AT A TIME,
SO THEY COULD NOT SHOW THEIR BEAUTY.
YOU HARDLY SEEM HAPPY... WITH THIS...
Even though it really was prettier
NO, IT IS SUFFI-CIENT...

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE KANADE.
SHE'S COME WITH ME SAFELY WITH THAT ALONE...
SO I FELT FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
FLOW
FLOWER PETALS ?
FROM WHERE ...?
AH...

WHY IS IT BLOOMING!?
I HAVE NO IDEA...
SAKURA !!
OH!!
FOR SURE THE SAKURA WOKE UP BECAUSE IT WANTED YOU TO SEE IT, JINRAI!

SFX: WIND IN THE BRANCHES
WOW!
IT'S LIKE SNOW!
IT'S SNOW THAT ISN'T COLD.
BUT IT ISN'T COLD.
YOU'RE LIKE THE SNOW, AREN'T YOU?
SFX: SUDDEN TURN

JINRAI
YOU'RE LIKE THE SAKURA, AREN'T YOU?
...HEY, JINRAI...


A BLIZZARD OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS REALLY DOES FALL LIKE SNOW.
BUT IT'S NOT COLD LIKE SNOW.
IF IT WERE A REAL BLIZZARD, THE PRINCESS WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WALK OUTSIDE.
GIGGLE
SOME-BODY-SAID BEFORE
THAT YOU WERE A NINJA AS COLD AS SNOW.
IT'S FOR CERTAIN THAT PERSON DIDN'T KNOW THE REAL YOU.
THE REAL ME...?
IN TRUTH YOU ARE NOT COLD.
A BLIZZARD OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS LOOKS LIKE SNOW...

JINRAI
IS LIKE THE CHERRY TREE.

AT LONG LAST WE HAVE MET...
THAT'S RIGHT... THIS IS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH I AM HERE...
KANA-DE-DONO
...NGH...

I DEDICATE ALL THAT I AM
TO THY PROTEC- TION.

AS THY GUARD-IAN SPIRIT ...
GUARD-IAN SPIRIT ...?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WILL STAY BY MY SIDE...?

AS YOU WISH, AS LONG AS I CONTINUE TO EXIST...
HUR-RAY!
AH!
JINGLE!
SFX: JUMP
THAT'S RIGHT... HERE I'M RETURNING THESE TO YOU
I'm sorry I kept them from you
JINRAI... YOU KNOW WHOSE THEY ARE, DON'T YOU?
NO... THESE BELONG TO KANADE-DONO.
PLEASE HAVE THEM, KANADE-DONO.
EH? BUT...
... ... OKAY ...

THEY WILL BE MY TREA-SURE!
KANADE ...!?
BEFORE I KNEW IT!?
AH!
GRAND-PA!
WHERE DID YOU GO!?
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU
UMM... THE CASTLE PARK.
THE CASTLE RUINS PARK?

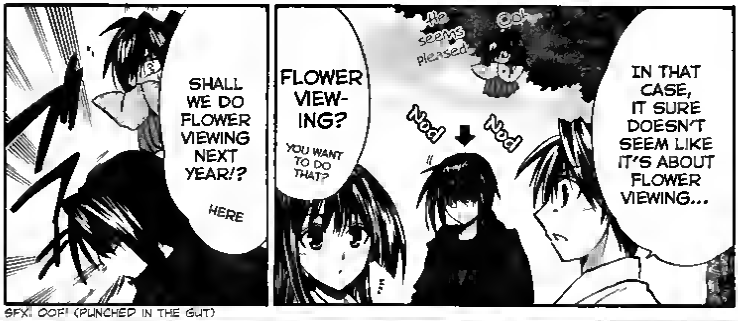
BONK
FUNYA
YOU MADE ME WORRY!!
NO "YEP" ABOUT IT.
YEP!
...I'M SORRY ...
AH AH, HAVEN'T YOU GOTTEN AWFUL MUDDY...?
NOPE.
DOES ANYTHING HURT?
IN ANY CASE... IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU CAME HOME SAFELY.
Phew...
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T GET HURT.

YEP.
BECAUSE MY GUARDIAN SPIRIT WAS PROTECTING ME!
RIGHT!?

I WILL PROTECT YOU...
WITH COMPLETE DEVOTION.
THE ONLY REASON FOR WHICH I EXIST
IS SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE HAPPINESS IN THIS LIFE.
...EY
.....RAI
...

HEY, JINRAI ...
CANST THOU HEAR ME?
..... WHAT IS IT?
WELL... IT ISN'T ABOUT 'WHAT IS IT'...
WE WERE ASKING IF THERE WASN'T SOMETHING SPECIAL TO YOU ABOUT THIS CHERRY TREE ...
.....
I WOULDN'T TELL YOU, EVEN WERE I DEAD.
You're dead already
Mutter
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
CRUNCH!
Owow owow owow
SORRY FOR THE WAIT...

HAA... I THINK THE SAKURA WAS A DEMON.
AND IT HAS FINALLY BEEN SET FREE.
THE SAKURA?
...PLAYING?
WE'RE PLAYING.
NO, NO WE'RE NOT!
FLAIL, FLAIL
HMMM...
YEAH... I WONDER IF HE'S GOT SOME SORT OF ATTACHMENT TO THAT TREE.
JINRAI SEEMS RATHER FUSSY ABOUT IT.
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I CANNOT TELL THEM ALL.
IT'S THAT SPECIAL!




SFX: OOF! (PUNCHED IN THE GUT)